

HIV TESTING and HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR FOR ACQUIRING HIV

As far as you know, have you ever been tested for HIV? (Exclude tests for blood donation, includes saliva tests; asked of 18- 64 year olds)

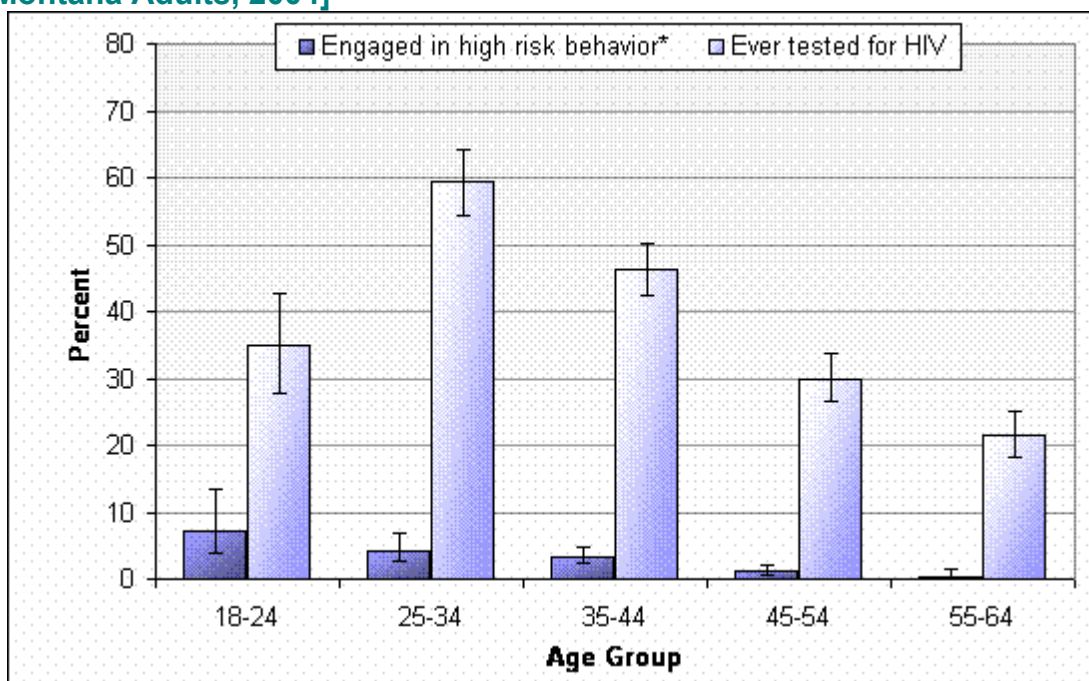
- In 2004, approximately 38 percent of Montana adults aged 18-64 had ever been tested for HIV.
- Adults between the ages of 25 and 34 years (59%) were significantly more likely to have been tested for HIV than other age groups ($\leq 46\%$).
- There was little association between HIV testing and educational or income status.
- Non-Whites or Hispanics (47%) were more likely to have been tested for HIV than White, non-Hispanics (37%).

People who use intravenous drugs, have been treated for sexually transmitted diseases or venereal diseases, have been given money or drugs in exchange for sex or have unprotected anal sex are at a higher risk for acquiring HIV than those who do not. Adults were asked if any of these high-risk situations applied to them within the past 12 months:

- An estimated three percent of Montana adults aged 18-64 years participated in at least one of the following high risk behaviors for acquiring HIV in the past year: used intravenous drugs, had a sexually transmitted or venereal disease, exchanged sex for money or drugs, or had anal sex without a condom.
- There was a negative relationship between engaging in high risk behavior and age; that is, adults aged 45 and older ($\leq 1\%$) were significantly less likely to have participated in a high risk behavior than younger adults ($\geq 3\%$).
- The relationship of education, income, race, and disability status to these high risk behaviors remained unclear as confidence intervals overlapped within each socio-demographic status category.

[Table 8. HIV/AIDS, Montana Adults Aged 18-64 Years, 2004]

[Figure 8. High Risk Behavior for Acquiring HIV and Ever Tested for HIV by Age, Montana Adults, 2004]



* High risk behavior (in the past year) includes one or more of:

- Used intravenous drugs;
- Treated for a sexually transmitted disease;
- Given or received money or drugs in exchange for sex;
- Had anal sex without a condom.

Figure 8. High Risk Behavior for Acquiring HIV and Ever Tested for HIV by Age, Montana Adults, 2004.